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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Notice of Missing Parts dated November 5, 2003 in the above-identified patent application for one (1) month, from January 5, 2004 to February 5, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account number 08-3040.

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